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NOTES AND NEWS

A CEREMONY in commemoration of the seven hundredth anniversary of the birth of Roger Bacon occurred at Oxford, on Wednesday, June 10. Proceedings began at noon with the unveiling, by Sir Archibald Geikie, of Mr. Hope-Pinker's statue of the great Franciscan, and its reception by Earl Curzon on behalf of the University. Addresses were presented by delegates, representing various bodies who had joined the movement, and the public orator, Mr. A. D. Godley, delivered a Latin oration. All this took place at the university museum. The delegates and some other visitors were entertained at lunch by the Warden and Fellows of Merton College, and other lunch parties were arranged. At three o'clock all visitors had the opportunity of attending the Romanes lecture. This was given in the Sheldonian Theater, the lecturer being Sir J. J. Thomson, of Cambridge, and his subject the atomic theory. From one to four o'clock various manuscripts and other objects of interest in connection with Roger Bacon and his successors were on view in the Bodleian Library, and from four to half-past six a garden party was held at Wadham College.

At the celebration the Vatican library was presented by Mgr. Ratti, the Institut de France by the Comte d'Haussonville, the University of Paris by Professor Picavet, the University of Cambridge by Professor James Ward, the Order of Friars Minor by Dr. P. Hickey, Provincial, and Professor Paschal Robinson, the Capuchian Order by Fr. Albert (vicar-provincial), and Fr. Cuthbert.

Subscribers of one guinea and upwards to the Roger Bacon commemoration fund were entitled to take part in the ceremonies at Oxford, and also to receive the memorial volume, which contains essays dealing with various aspects of Roger Bacon's work, written by specialists in the various subjects.

"THE *Zentralblatt für Psychologie und psychologische Pädagogik,* the first number of which has recently been received, is edited by Dr. Wilhelm Peters, University of Würzburg, and published by Curt Kabitzsch, Würzburg. It will contain no original investigations, but will confine itself strictly to abstracts and reviews. It aims to cover the whole field of psychology, both pure and applied, and will give especial attention to investigations in experimental education. There is undoubtedly a distinct need for a journal of this type. The periodicals in special fields of psychology are increasing so rapidly, and the books and monographs are pouring from the press in such quantities, that it is exceedingly difficult to keep abreast with all the literature. Most of the reviews in the journals conducted for that purpose are from one to three years behind the date of publication. The *Zentralblatt* will be issued 10 times a year, and proposes to give its readers a bird's-eye view of all the recent publications in any part of the psychological field. The first number contains 100 reviews, and the reader is impressed with their timeliness, their brevity and the thoroughness with which the field is covered. The subscription price is eight marks per year, which may be sent directly to the publisher, Curt Kabitzsch, Würzburg, Germany."—*Educational Review.*